

highway-rail grade crossing closures or grade separations; and focuses on crossings that have experienced recent grade crossing accidents or multiple accidents, or are at high risk for accidents; **Pages H1595–96**

Perlmutter amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–36) that requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit to Congress a report evaluating the effectiveness of the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) 2005 rule on the use of locomotive horns at rail crossings; and

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Lipinski amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–36) that clarifies that passengers using or transporting non-motorized transportation are to be considered in the Amtrak Office of Inspector General's report on boarding procedures in Section 211.

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Rejected:

McClintock amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–36) that restricts operating subsidies for Amtrak.

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H. Res. 134, the rule providing for consideration of (H.R. 749) was agreed to yesterday, March 3.

Office of Compliance Administrative and Technical Corrections Act of 2015: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass (H.R. 1213), to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 6th.

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House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representative Miller (MI), Chairman; Representatives Latta and Rodney Davis (IL).

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wilson (FL) wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he designated funding for Overseas Contingency Operations and the Global War on Terrorism—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–15).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1596 and H1604.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 8 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1600, H1601–02, H1602–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Robert A. McDonald, Secretary; Carolyn M. Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health; Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits; Stephen W. Warren, Executive in Charge for Information and Technology; Helen Tierney, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; and Glen R. Powers, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Programs.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration budget. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Jay Tyler, Chief Financial Officer, Food and Drug Administration; and Norris Cochran, Director, Office of Budget, Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense budget. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Mike McCord, Undersecretary of Defense, Comptroller.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Education budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, WEAPONS ACTIVITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities budget. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration officials: Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Retired), Administrator; Don Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; and Brigadier General Stephen “S.L.” Davis, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of the Treasury budget. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

U.S. POLICY, STRATEGY, AND POSTURE IN AFGHANISTAN: POST-2014 TRANSITION, RISKS, AND LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in Afghanistan: Post-2014 Transition, Risks, and Lessons Learned”. Testimony was heard from General John Campbell, USA, Commander of Operation Resolute Support and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2016”. Testimony was heard from William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Lieutenant General James M. “Mike” Holmes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements.

CYBER OPERATIONS: IMPROVING THE MILITARY CYBER SECURITY POSTURE IN AN UNCERTAIN THREAT ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Cyber Operations: Improving the Military Cyber Security Posture in an Uncertain Threat Environment”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Michael Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command; Lieutenant General Edward C. Cardon, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Cyber Command; Vice Admiral Jan Tighe, USN, Commander, Navy Fleet Cyber Command/10th Fleet (FCC/C10F); Major General Daniel J. O’Donohue, USMC, Commanding General, MARFORCYBER; and Major General Burke E. Wilson, USAF, Commander, 24th Air Force.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 21ST CENTURY ELECTRICITY CHALLENGE: ENSURING A SECURE, RELIABLE, AND MODERN ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The 21st Century Electricity Challenge: Ensuring a Secure, Reliable, and Modern Electricity System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: THE FCC’S FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission: The FCC’s FY 2016 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Jon Wilkins, Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission.

UKRAINE UNDER SIEGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ukraine Under Siege”. Testimony was heard from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

**THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP:
PROSPECTS FOR GREATER U.S. TRADE**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Prospects for Greater U.S. Trade”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES ON THE
PRESIDENT’S CYBERSECURITY
INFORMATION SHARING PROPOSAL**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 132, Omnibus Resolution for Committee Funding in the 114th Congress; committee res. 6, on Limitation on Allocation of Franked Mail; H.R. 195, the “Election Assistance Commission Termination Act”; and H.R. 412, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns. Committee res. 6 was agreed to. The following legislation was ordered reported, with amendment: H. Res. 132, H.R. 195, and H.R. 412.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”. H.R. 1147 and H.R. 1149 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**REBUILDING THE CHEMICAL SAFETY
BOARD: FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE
CSB’S GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
CHALLENGES**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding the Chemical Safety Board: Finding a Solution to the CSB’s Governance and Management Challenges”. Testimony was heard from the following Chemical Safety Board officials: Rafael Moure-Eraso, Chairman; Manuel Ehrlich, Board Member; Rich Engler, Board Member; and Mark Griffon, Board Member; and Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for In-

vestigations, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1119, the “Research and Development Efficiency Act”; H.R. 1156, the “International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1162, the “Science Prize Competitions Act”; H.R. 1158, the “Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015”; and H.R. 874, the “American Super Computing Leadership Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1156 and H.R. 874. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1119, H.R. 1162, and H.R. 1158.

**BUILDING AN OPPORTUNITY ECONOMY:
THE STATE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building an Opportunity Economy: The State of Small Business and Entrepreneurship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VFW LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from John W. Stroud, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 5, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine opportunities for the United States to build on its status as an Arctic nation for the betterment of the nation and those who live in the Arctic, 10 a.m., SD-366.

House

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.